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SUBJECT: DARFUR: THREATS TO CHINESE ENGINEERS WILL NOT

DELAY REMAINING PEACEKEEPERS

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson. Reasons 1. 4 (b/d).

(C) Threats from Darfur rebel groups against the first tranche of Chinese engineers deployed in Darfur will not delay the deployment of the larger remaining force of engineers, MFA International Organizations and Conferences Department UN Division Deputy Director Sun Xiaobo told PolOff November 29. Sun said China "is not frightened" by the threats, but that he could not say what would happen in the event of an actual incident involving the engineers. He urged the United States to use its influence with the rebel groups and thanked us for our support so far, including a public statement condemning the threats against the Chinese force.

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